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SUBJ: FURTHER REACTION TO PURPORTED STATEMENT ON THE
AEGEAN BY AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE

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1. THE FUROR OVER STATEMENTS ON THE AEGEAN DISPUTE ALLEGEDLY
MADE BY AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE DURING HIS SFRC APPEARANCE
CONTINUED TO BE A PROMIENT NEWS STORY OVER THE WEEKEND AND
MONDAY, ALTHOUGH THE INTENSITY HAS BEGUN TO DIMINISH IN AT
LEAST SOME NEWSPAPERS. PRESS REPORTING CENTERED PRIMARILY ON
THE EXPECTATION THAT THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE'S
REMARKS TO THE SFRC WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE SOON, THAT SOME
FORM OF CLARIFICATION OF THE COMMENTS ON THE AEGEAN WOULD BE
FORTHCOMING, AND THAT THE GOG WAS AWAITING RECEIPT OF THE
TEXT BEFORE FORMULATING ITS POSITION.

2. LIBERAL, OPPOSITION TO VIMA, WHICH PUBLISHED THE INITIAL
REPORT ON THE TESTIMONY, HEADLINED A FRONT PAGE STORY
ON SUNDAY BY AN ATHENS JOURNALIST IN WHICH HE CHARGED
THAT THE UNFAVORABLE CLIMATE CAUSED BY AMBASSADOR
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SCHAUFELE'S TESTIMONY RENDERED IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SIGN AT
THIS TIME THE U.S. BASES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO
GOVERNMENTS. ON SATURDAY PRO-GOVERNMENT APOYEVMATINI
BANNED THAT AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE HAD BEEN MISQUOTED.
BASING ITS ACCOUNT ON AN "EXLUSIVE INTERVIEW" BY ITS
WASHINGTON STRINGER HARIS ANGELOPOULOS WITH A "STATE
DEPARTMENT" SOURCE, THE NEWSPAPER MAINTAINED THAT THE

TESTIMONY HAD IN FACT BEEN VERY PRO-GREEK. (THIS LINE WAS REPEATED ON MONDAY BY PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYN). APOYEVMATINI'S REPORT ALSO CONTAINED SUPPOSED CLARIFICATIONS OF THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE EMPLOYED BY THE AMBASSADOR, DEMONSTRATING THAT HE HAD NOT MADE THE ALLEGED OFFENDING STATEMENTS. COMMUNIST (KKE-EXTERIOR) RIZOSPASTIS WROTE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS WORKING BEHIND TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEL'S REPORTED REMARKS, AND PREDICTED THE AMBASSADOR WOULD ARRIVE IN ATHENS AUGUST 8 TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS ON THE 20TH OF THE MONTH. SEVERAL ARTICLES ON THE TERMS OF THE LAUSANNE TREATY HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRESS, WITH THE MORE UNFRIENDLY ONES SUGGESTING AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEL SHOULD BETTER ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH ITS PROVISIONS. ADDITIONALLY, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SNIDE CARTOONS PORTRAYING AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEL UNFAVORABLY.

3. INDEPENDENT KATHIMERINI CONFINED ITS TREATMENT OF THE STORY ON MONDAY TO A SQUIB ON THE BACK PAGE SAYING THE TEXT OF THE TESTIMONY WAS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED SOON. ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE ESTIA AND EXTREME RIGHT ELEFTHEROS COSMOS LIKEWISE MINIMIZED THE STORY. THE GOVERNMENT-RUN RADIO AND TV HAVE NOT REPORTED ON THE STORY SINCE LAST WEEK.

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